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SUBJECT: GOP REQUEST FOR USDA APPROVAL OF FUMIGATION PLANT

TOFAS 53.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A VERBATIM NOTE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR
TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERN-
MENT'S DESIRE TO HAVE THE QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) ON THE
IMPORTATION OF MANGOES AND OTHER TROPICAL FRUITS FROM THE
PHILIPPINES LIFTED. THE DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED TO INFORM THE
EMBASSY THAT THE FEDERATION OF THE FILIPINO ASSOCIATION IN GUAM
HAS OFFERED TO FINANCE THE INSTALLATION OF A FUMIGATION PLANT
IN MANILA.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS FURTHER THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY
THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED OUR
FUMIGATION PROCESS AS WELL AS THE FUMIGATION PLANT AND PROCESSING
COMPLEX INSTALLED AT THE FOOD TERMINAL INC., TAGUIG, RIZAL,
AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE LIFTING OF JAPAN'S PLANT QUARANTINE
PROHIBITION ON PHILIPPINE MANGOES HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY
CONCLUDED. A REPORT ON THIS MATTER ATTACHED FOR THE EMBASSY'S
INFORMATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST
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THE EMBASSY TO CONVEY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THE REQUEST

OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT THAT A TEAM OF USDA PLANT QUARANTINE EXPERTS BE DISPATCHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE PHILIPPINES TO CONDUCT A DETAILED ON-THE-SPOT INVESTIGATION OF OUR FUMIGATION PROCESS, AND THE INFORMATION THAT THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ADOPT SUCH PLANT QUARANTINE MEASURES AS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY DEEM NECESSARY.

THE DEPARTMENT WOULD HIGHLY APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE WHICH THE EMBASSY COULD EXTEND ON THIS MATTER.

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

2. COPY OF REPORT REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 WILL BE SENT USDA BY AIRMAIL.

3. PLEASE REPLY BY FASTO AND PROVIDE GUIDELINES AS TO METHOD OF OPERATION, I.E., STATIONING OF FULL-TIME (PART-TIME) INSPECTOR IN PHILIPPINES, WHO PAYS COST OF INSPECTOR, ETC.

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